

IPW



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

Nathan R. Brown

Serial No.: 10/715,264

Filed: November 17, 2003

For: METHODS FOR DETERMINING
AMOUNTS AND LOCATIONS OF
DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE TO BE
APPLIED TO SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATES DURING POLISHING OF
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
STRUCTURES CARRIED THEREBY AND
FOR SUBSEQUENTLY POLISHING
SIMILAR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
STRUCTURES

Confirmation No.: 5086

Examiner: S. Macarthur

Group Art Unit: 1763

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-4375.3US
(99-1029.03US)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

October 17, 2005
Date


Signature

Erika Gandre
Name (Type/Print)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered

by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of U.S. patents are not being submitted pursuant to M.P.E.P. 609 III A(2). The listed documents were cited by the Office in co-pending application Serial No. 11/128,144, filed on May 12, 2005, and directed to a related invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, no representation is made by Applicant herein that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (b) exists.

U.S. Patent Documents

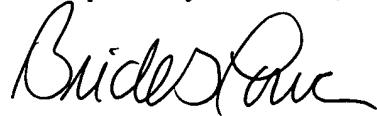
<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
US - 6,155,915	12/2000	Raeder
US - 6,368,189	04/2002	Maloney et al.
US - 6,790,763	09/2004	Kondo et al.
US - 6,852,019	02/2005	Togawa et al.

Applicant offers to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement, and therefore no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,



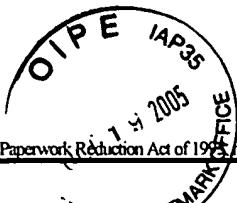
Brick G. Power
Registration No. 38,581
Attorney for Applicant(s)
TRASKBRITT
P.O. Box 2550
Salt Lake City, Utah 84110-2550
Telephone: 801-532-1922

Date: October 17, 2005

BGP/djp:lmh

Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/08

Document in ProLaw



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1 Attorney Docket Number 2269-4375.3US (99-1029.03US)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature _____ Date Considered _____

****EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.***

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.